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Response to Amendment

The amendment filed on March 1, 2004 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03).

In the response filed January 9, 2004, Applicant elected with traverse Group V, directed to claims 29-34 and 41-49 as presented in the preliminary amendment of August 22, 2001, which were drawn to a plant expression cassette allowing the tissue specific expression of a gene of interest, said cassette comprising the promoter of the gene coding for the protein basic globulin 7S.

Claim 59, previously presented in the response filed January 9, 2004 and currently pending in the amendment filed on March 1, 2004, is directed to a plant expression cassette allowing in-seed tissue specific expression of non-degraded human lactoferrin wherein a gene encoding the human lactoferrin is operatively linked to a regulation element of protein basic globulin 7S or to a regulation element of protein β -conglycinine.

The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because claim 59, the independent claim from which all currently pending claims ultimately depend, reads on the nonelected inventions of Groups I-IV, directed to a polynucleotide coding for human lactoferrin in combination with the 7s basic globulin leader and the 7s basic globulin promoter, a polynucleotide coding for human lactoferrin in combination with the β -conglycinine leader and the β -conglycinine promoter, a polynucleotide coding for human lactoferrin in combination with the 7s basic globulin leader and the β -conglycinine promoter, and a polynucleotide coding for

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human lactoferrin in combination with the β -conglycinine leader and the 7s basic globulin promoter.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Remarks

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